

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph at Page 10, lines 20-36, with the following:

The piston system 7,8,13-~~18~~ 17 and 19 of the initiating element may comprise a plurality of pistons or may initially even be formed as a unit. However, during the initiation phase, there is or arises at least one static piston which increases the compression in the base charge and at least one dynamic piston which ensures the compression of the loosely packed explosive 12 in the chamber 11. In the cases where the piston system is formed as a unit, it is important that a dynamic piston should be separated from the unit during the initiation phase (e. g. by means of the pressure from the combustion of the initiating charge) which dynamic piston thus becomes movable in the duct of the static piston. The material in the pistons will vary from case to case; it has, however, been found that the material advantageously has a modulus of elasticity which is substantially the same as or greater than the modulus of elasticity of the compressed base charge.